COLLECT.

O Almighty God, who dwellest among Thy Saints, and hast placed Thy Tabernacle in the hearts of Thy servants, give Thy heavenly blessing and increase to the place where Thine honor dwelleth, that what is founded by Thy providence, and built according to Thy commandments, may be established forever, and blessed in all things by Thy eternal goodness, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

BENEDICTION.

HYMN 374.

Crown Him with many crowns,
The Lamb upon His throne;
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns
All music but its own;
Awake, my soul, and sing
Of Him Who died for thee,
And hail Him as thy matchless King
Through all eternity.

Crown Him the Son of God
Before the worlds began,
And ye, who tread where He hath trod,
Crown Him the Son of Man;
Who every grief hath known
That wrings the human breast,
And takes and bears them for His own,
That all in Him may rest.

Crown Him the Lord of Life,
Who triumphed o'er the grave,
And rose victorious in the strife
For those He came to save;
His glories now we sing
Who died, and rose on high,
Who died, eternal life to bring,
And lives that death may die.

Crown Him of lords the Lord,
Who over all doth reign,
Who once on earth, the Incarnate Word,
For ransomed sinners slain,
Now lives in realms of light,
Where saints with angels sing
Their songs before Him day and night,
Their God, Redeemer, King.

Crown Him the Lord of heaven,
Enthroned in worlds above;
Crown Him the King, to Whom is given,
The wondrous name of Love.
Crown Him with many crowns,
As thrones before Him fall,
Crown Him, ye kings, with many crowns,
For He is King of all.

SERVICES

FOR THE

Opening of the Church House

OF THE

Diocese of Pennsylvania

Twelfth and Walnut Streets

PHILADELPHIA

Monday, November 25th, 1895

ORDER OF SERVICES.

7.30 A. M. Celebration of the Holy Communion.

11 A. M. Second Celebration BY THE BISHOP OF THE DIOCESE, WITH SERMON BY THE REV. JOHN FULTON, D.D., LL.D.

COLLECT.

Bless, O Lord, we beseech Thee, this House erected to the glory of Thy name and for the work of Thy Church, and grant that they who use it may ever accomplish their ministry with a pure heart and a ready will to the glory of Thy Name, and the benefit of Thy Holy Church, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

EPISTLE, ROM. xii: 4–19. GOSPEL S. MATT. v: 13–17.

8 P. M. DEDICATION OF THE HOUSE.

HYMN 490.

Glorious things of thee are spoken,
Sion, city of our God;
He, Whose word cannot be broken,
Formed thee for His own abode:
On the Rock of Ages founded,
What can shake thy sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded,
Thou may'st smile at all thy foes.

See, the streams of living waters
Springing from eternal love,
Well supply thy sons and daughters,
And all fear of want remove.
Who can faint, when such a river
Ever will their thirst assuage?
Grace which, like the Lord, the giver,
Never fails from age to age.

Round each habitation hovering,
See the cloud and fire appear
For a glory and a covering,
Showing that the Lord is near.
Thus deriving from their banner,
Light by night, and shade by day,
Safe they feed upon the manna,
Which He gives them when they pray.

Blest inhabitants of Sion,
Washed in the Redeemer's blood!
Jesus, Whom their souls rely on,
Makes them kings and priests to God.
'Tis His love His people raises
Over self to reign as kings:
And as priests, His solemn praises
Each for a thank-offering brings.

Then the Bishop shall say:

Peace be to this House and to all who are therein. *Amen.*

V. Our help is in the Name of the LORD,
R. Who hath made heaven and earth.
V. Blessed be the Name of the LORD,
R. Henceforth, world without end.
V. O LORD, open Thou our lips,
R. And our mouth shall show forth Thy Praise.
V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. *Amen.*

PSALM XCI. *Qui habitat.*

1. Whoso dwelleth under the defense of the Most High: shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

2. I will say unto the Lord, Thou art my hope, and my strorghold: my God, in Him will I trust.

3. For He shall deliver thee from the snare of the hunter: and from the noisome pestilence.

4. He shall defend thee under His wings, and thou shalt be safe under His feathers: His faithfulness and truth shall be thy shield and buckler.

5. Thou shalt not be afraid for any terror by night: nor for the arrow that flieth by day.

6. For the pestilence that walketh in darkness: nor for the sickness that destroyeth in the noonday.

7. A thousand shall fall beside thee, and ten thousand at thy right hand: but it shall not come nigh thee.

8. Yea, with thine eyes shalt thou behold: and see the reward of the ungodly.

9. For Thou, Lord, art my hope: Thou hast set Thine house of defense very high.

10. There shall no evil happen unto thee: neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling.

11. For He shall give His Angels charge over thee: to keep thee in all thy ways.

12. They shall bear thee in their hands: that thou hurt not thy foot against a stone.

13. Thou shalt go upon the lion and adder: the young lion and the dragon shalt thou tread under thy feet.

14. Because he hath set his love upon Me, therefore will I deliver him: I will set him up, because he hath known My Name.

15. He shall call upon Me, and I will hear him: yea, I am with him in trouble; I will deliver him and bring him to honour.

16. With long life will I satisfy him: and show him My salvation.

Glory be to the Father, etc.

PRESENTATION OF THE BUILDING

BY

MR. J. VAUGHAN MERRICK, *Chairman of the Building Committee,*

AND

THE REV. G. WOOLSEY HODGE, *Chairman of the Church House Committee.*

ACCEPTANCE BY THE BISHOP.

Then the Bishop shall say:

V. O pray for the peace of Jerusalem.
R. They shall prosper that love Thee.
V. Peace be within Thy walls.
R. And plenteousness within thy palaces.
V. Arise, O Lord, into Thy resting place.
R. Thou, and the ark of Thy strength.
V. Let Thy Priests be clothed with righteousness.
R. And let Thy saints sing with joyfulness.
V. O Lord, hear our prayer.
R. And let our cry come unto Thee.

Bishop. Let us pray.

O LORD, look down with Thy gracious favor upon this House. Visit it, we pray Thee, with Thy blessing. May Thy presence ever abide in it. May Thy love ever protect it. May Thy good angels ever watch over it. May it be evermore an abode of truth, and love, and peace, and holiness, and may those who work therein so faithfully serve Thee in this life, that they may at last find an abode in the blessed mansions of Thy eternal home, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O GOD, Holy Ghost, sanctifier of the faithful, visit we pray Thee, all who shall minister for Thee in this House with Thy love and favor; enlighten their minds more and more with the light of the everlasting Gospel; graft in their hearts a love of the truth; increase in them true religion; nourish them with all goodness, and of Thy great mercy keep them in the same, O blessed Spirit, whom with the Father and the Son together, we worship and glorify as one God, world without end. *Amen.*

O GOD, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy; give we beseech Thee, to all Thy servants who may be charged with the management, maintenance and administration of this House and of the various organizations connected therewith, such wisdom, zeal and

fidelity, that they may render to Thee an acceptable service without weariness or faint-heartedness. May they have the sympathy, encouragement, prayers and benefactions of all Thy people, and may their work be carried forward by them under Thy direction, and sustained by Thy Almighty help to the honor of Thy Name, the prosperity of Thy Church and the salvation of souls; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

LORD, we beseech Thee to keep Thy household the Church in continual godliness; that through Thy protection it may be free from all adversities, and devoutly given to serve Thee in good works, to the glory of Thy Name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

ENLARGE, O Lord, the hearts of Thy faithful people, that like as the Israelites of old offered willingly to Thee of their substance, so we, remembering that our days on earth are but as a shadow, that here we have no abiding place, and that all things come of Thee, may with perfect hearts offer willingly to the continual support of the works to which this House is devoted; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O LORD GOD ALMIGHTY, who art the Author and Source of all wisdom, we give Thee hearty thanks for all our friends and benefactors and especially for those through whose charity this House has been erected or who have made special donations for the furnishing or adornment thereof. Remember this to them, O Lord, for good. Bless them in their going out and coming in, in mind and in body, in spirit, soul and estate. Be with them in the hour of death and in the day of judgment, and at last take them to Thyself forever, for His sake who died and was buried, and rose again, Jesus Christ our only Mediator and Advocate. *Amen.*

FOR as much as Almighty God accepted the purpose of His servants, David, and Solomon, to build His temple at Jerusalem, and hath had in every age Churches and Houses set apart for the honor of His Name and the work of His Church, and nothing doubting but that He alloweth this charitable work of ours in having built this House which we now set apart to His glory: We therefore, on behalf of His Church and people dedicate this House to bear henceforth the name of the Church House of the Diocese of Pennsylvania, and to be used for administrative, benevolent, charitable, missionary, educational and devotional purposes. To the honor and glory of the Holy and Eternal Trinity, the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost. Amen.

HYMN 493.

Oh, 'twas a joyful sound to hear
Our tribes devoutly say,
Up, Israel! to the temple haste,
And keep your festal day.

At Salem's courts we must appear,
With our assembled powers,
In strong and beauteous order ranged,
Like her united towers.

Oh, ever pray for Salem's peace;
For they shall prosperous be,
Thou holy city of our God,
Who bear true love to thee.

May peace within thy sacred walls
A constant guest be found;
With plenty and prosperity
Thy palaces be crowned.

For my dear brethren's sake and friends
No less than brethren dear,
I'll pray, may peace in Salem's towers
A constant guest appear.

But most of all I'll seek thy good,
And ever wish thee well,
For Sion and the temple's sake,
Where God vouchsafes to dwell.

ADDRESSES
BY
THE REV. WILLIAM B. BODINE, D.D., AND MR. GEORGE C. THOMAS.

COLLECTION FOR THE BUILDING FUND.

HYMN 418.

O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home.

Under the shadow of thy throne
Thy saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is thine arm alone,
And our defence is sure.

Before the hills in order stood,
Or earth received her frame,
From everlasting thou art God,
To endless years the same.

A thousand ages in thy sight
Are like an evening gone;
Short as the watch that ends the night
Before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
Bears all its sons away;
They fly forgotten, as a dream
Dies at the opening day.

O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Be thou our guard while life shall last,
And our eternal home.